

**Neighborhood Advisory Group Meeting
San Jose City Hall Wing, room 118-119
August 20, 2008 minutes**

6:35 pm- Agenda Item I-Welcome and Chair's Remarks

- Don Gagliardi welcomed everyone in attendance. He introduced Councilman Liccardo for D3 announcements.
- Councilman Liccardo emphasized the value of these meetings for his office and as an opportunity for neighborhood leaders to share information. Based on priorities identified by the NAG, emphasis has been placed on traffic calming (mobile radar trailers), youth/gang (extended community center hours, surveillance cameras) and parks (new park projects, \$\$ for land acquisition). Contact office for detailed list of project updates.
- New D3 staff members to be introduced at next meeting.

6:45pm- Agenda Item II- Open Forum

- Don- Inquired about CAP grant program status. Councilman Liccardo acknowledged limited success of program this past year. Funding identified to continue program for 3 years (\$200k/yr).
- Beth- Bark in the Park at Watson Park on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Volunteers needed, contact Beth (beth@mukai-home.net).
- Tina-Inquired about Boys and Girls Club (Japantown) status. Councilman Liccardo confirmed site is open and renovations are ongoing.
- Frank- Voiced his neighbors' concerns with the lack of response from graffiti hotline. Graffiti is on the rise and office staff is limited. Graffiti kits available to those interested. 13th St NAC will advise of meeting date with graffiti office and police dept. for others to participate.
- Beth- Has a group of volunteers interested in forming a graffiti patrol, will advise of upcoming training date.
- Sami-Who to contact re: rise in gang problems? Ruth (D3 staff) announced mtg. 7:30-9:00 am Friday, August 22nd, City Hall wing rooms 118-119. Contact Ruth for future meeting dates.

7:00 pm- Agenda Item III- NAG Leadership Nominations

- Don acknowledges the NAG celebrates 1 year with current officers and working group leaders. All officers willing to continue in current role, but also welcome anyone interested in replacing them.
- No one expressed interest at this time, will re-visit at a future date.

7:05 pm- Agenda Item IV- Working Group Updates and Reaffirm Priorities

- **Youth Activities and Gang Abatement-** Joan Rivas Cosby, group is in planning stage for a youth forum. Need volunteers to assist in planning, etc. Thank you to Ruth for her tremendous support. Beth offered her

support, others encouraged to contact Joan (jcosby@sanjose.org). Don reviewed ongoing project with kids and Earthquakes soccer.

- **Traffic Calming and Street Maintenance-** Scott Owens announced bi-monthly meetings with DOT, dates TBA. DOT onboard with priority list and has provided time and \$\$ estimates for projects. Councilman Liccardo and group acknowledge Scott's amazing efforts on this project and his progress made with the DOT.
- **Parks and Community Spaces-** Frank Penrose announces monthly meetings with City staff/ Mike Wills. Next meeting date September 18th. Discussion item: self-cleaning toilets (paid for by advertisements).
- Don endorses a "yes" vote on ballot measure M which extends public/private collaborations beyond current 3-yr limit.

7:45pm- Agenda Item V- Yahoo Work Group & District 3 Website

- Tina Morrill demonstrates new Yahoo! user group site, **SJ_District3_Group**.
- Per Councilman Liccardo, BigTent has been officially replaced. He requests group input and volunteer support. Suggestions: neighborhood group links from main page, possible collaboration with SJSU students.

7:50pm- Agenda Item VI- Annual D3 BBQ & Community Recognition

- Save the date: **Saturday, September 6th, 12noon-3:00pm for D3 BBQ at Backesto Park**. Bring a side dish to share. All neighbors invited and encouraged to attend.
- Save the date: General Plan Workshop on Saturday, September 27th.

7:55 pm- Agenda Item VII- Review of Action Items/Conclusion

- Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 6:30-8:00 pm, San Jose City Hall Wing room 118-119